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EVILS OF BARGAIN SALES.

Bargain Hunting Demoralizes Purse, Con-
science and Trade.

Strange inconsistencies and perversions
are revealed in the feminine character
when a woman becomes addicted to bar-
gain hunting, according to Carrie E. Gar-
rett, in an article on "The Bargain Ma-
nia," in "The Woman's Home Companion."
"Sometimes the proud possessor of a
bargain will make the most extraordinary
and expensive efforts to save it from such
oblivion, as in the case of the lady who
bought some bargain buttons. She waited
a reasonable length of time, thinking they
would 'come in,' and, as they never came
(in, she purchased a dress to match them.
Such heroism is not at all uncommon
among bargain hunters. This was the
same lady who purchased a bargain smoking
set and, having no earthly use for it,
began the pernicious habit of smoking cig-
arettes after dinner.

"It is odd how such a woman will gloat
over a bargain and on the strength of the
brilliant transaction immediately commit
some extravagance to offset it. 'Well, as
this was so cheap, I can afford to buy
that.' Then will she patiently go to many
stores and obtain regular prices in order
to establish the character of the bargain as
such. But what is her anguish of mind
if she discovers that she might have bought
the same article a little cheaper at some
other place! A woman constantly pos-
sessed of the bargain idea is likely to carry
it into all her dealings with mankind—
social as well as commercial. Aside from
the economic standpoint, the spirit of bar-
gaining to get more than one pays for it,
to say the least, not mentioned in the cat-
alogues of Christian virtues. She is likely
to be penny wise and pound foolish, ex-
travagant of time and money, and, oh,
worse than all these, badly dressed! Choos-
ing one's clothes fortuitously at bargain
sales is apt to result in an incongruous as-
sessment of merchandise difficult to knit
together in one harmonious whole."

CAPTAIN RICHELLE'S ISLAND.

Says He Discovered It In The Pacific.
Wants to Lead a Colony There.

Captain Richelle, an old mariner of the
south seas now engaged in blasting opera-
tions in Honolulu harbor, is trying to get
up a colonization scheme on a mysterious
guano island in the mid-Pacific, 1,200
miles from Honolulu.

This island which he discovered is 400
miles beyond the guano island of Laysan.
It is about four miles long and three miles
wide and is inhabited by two men and ten
women. Much of the island is heavily
timbered.

Captain Richelle found guano deposits
which he thinks are commercially valu-
able. At the time he discovered the island
he was on a cruise with one companion
in a sloop. They took formal possession
of it and claim title to it now. Captain
Richelle wants to organize a colony of
several families to make homes on the is-
land. He proposes to engage a sailing ves-
sel to take colonists to the island, and
the fishing and guano industries.
Richelle dreams of a co-operative colony,
of which he will be leader.

Where to Look For Them.

People who have lost dogs recently
may probably find them by searching
the trail that leads over Chilkeet pass.
—Los Angeles Times.

STORY OF AN EDITOR.

W. C. BRANN MADE ENGLISH "CRACK
LIKE A WHIP."

Began His Newspaper Career In St. Louis
Under Joseph B. McCullagh—Made a
Hit With a Story of "Egypt's Apple
Crop"—Remarkable Hotel Interviewer.

W. C. Brann, the fighting editor,
who was killed at Waco, Tex., in a
duel the other day, practically started
his newspaper career in St. Louis, on
The Globe-Democrat, under Joseph B.
McCullagh. That was six years ago,
and those who knew Brann then knew
a man who was as mild and gentle as
could be. His friends little dreamed
that he would become the editor of such
a fiery publication as The Iconoclast.

In fact, Brann made his first hit on The
Globe-Democrat with a big Sunday article
on the apple crop of southern Illi-
nois.

"Brann had been on the paper a few
weeks," said a western newspaper man
yesterday, in discussing this eccentric
character, "and hadn't succeeded in
turning in much copy. One day McCul-
lagh suggested that Brann take an ar-
ticle, go over into Egypt—as lower Illi-
nois is called—and 'write up' the apple
industry, which is a source of great re-
venue to that part of the state. Brann
started out, and the rest of us were
more or less curious to see how he
would come out. His article appeared
the next Sunday, and it is needless to
say that it was a first rate surprise.

Brann had made a rhetorical flower
garden out of the page that had been
assigned to him. A five column article
on the apple industry would have been,
in the hands of the average reporter,
pretty dry reading, but under the pen
of Brann apples seemed almost to grow
from the type. As to facts, there was
nothing much to the article, and some
of the members of the staff had doubts
if the 'new man,' as Brann was then
called, had gone any farther into Egypt
than East St. Louis. The strength of
the story was its phrases. It read like
a classic almost, and some of the boys un-
derstood to speak to Brann and compli-
ment him upon this feature of it.

"Pshaw, that's nothing," was the
reply. "I can do anything that I please
with the English language. I can make
it wave as prettily as a field of ripe
wheat or I can seize it by its handle
and make it snap like a bull whip in
the hands of a cow puncher."

"So it will be seen that he was not
without his share of egotism. We learned
that he had been a sort of traveling
preacher and lecturer and that his
home had been in Dallas or Waco be-
fore he appeared in St. Louis. Soon
after the episode Brann went up to
Chicago to the national Democratic con-
vention as one of quite a large staff un-
der Walter B. Stevens. I have heard
that Brann's special assignment on the
Chicago trip was to pay no attention to
the big political gathering, but to ex-
pose Chicago with a sharp pen. And
Brann did so, to the great delight of all
St. Louis.

"When Brann returned to St. Louis,
he was placed in charge of the column
called 'Hotel Corridors.' This column
had been one of McCullagh's hobbies,
and the rest of us had taken turns in
extracting interviews from tourists and
traveling men until we were black in
the face. But under the hand of Brann
the hotel column flourished like a green
bay tree. The wildest and most improb-
able stories in the choicest English, dis-
sertations on religion and on literature,
essays on ethics and culture—in fact,
everything. It was useless to pretend
that the interviews were true. The
average run of hotel guests did not talk
as The Globe-Democrat's column made
them talk, and every one knew it. But
the work pleased McCullagh, and a lit-
tle later, when Brann resigned and re-
turned to Texas to start a newspaper, the
editor made a contract with him to send
a bunch of hotel interviews daily by
mail.

"In starting a daily newspaper in
Texas Brann had a partner, and the
struggle was hard for them. Their daily
attracted attention, but Brann was
crowded out finally by the stockholders.
Then he started his Iconoclast at Dallas
and proceeded to break the popular idols
of that community. Among other things
he assailed Baylor institute. His arti-
cles against this college resulted in sev-
eral duels, in each of which two per-
sons were killed, and in the last one,
the other night, Brann and his adver-
sary, T. E. Davis, each met death.

"In appearance Brann was tall, slender
and of dark complexion. His hair
was inky black and as straight as that
of an Indian. His eyes were widely set
and were mean. He always wore a
slouch hat and a long Prince Albert
coat, and I've heard him wish a hun-
dred times that he could get out of the
newspaper business. Well, he's out of
it now, poor fellow, after a hard fight."

—Washington Post.

China's Armored Soldiers.

The board of works, according to a
Peking dispatch, has lately been turn-
ing out hundreds of steel shields for a
Peking field force. These shields are
about the ordinary size of the native
war shield and not much heavier. They
are claimed to be bullet proof and with-
in each shield is concealed a sword bay-
onet, which can be made to protrude in
front of the shield by simply touching a
spring. Armed with these shields a
body of soldiers, it is alleged, could
"charge" with impunity an opposing
enemy and put the latter to the sword
without any harm to the former. This
shield is said to be the invention of an
officer of the imperial guards, who has
declared that "the new weapon will be
more efficacious in the field than the
usual bayonet charge."—North China
Herald.

Bad Company.

Spain is the birthplace and abiding
place of the cigarette, and hence it
should be put out of decent company.—
Chicago News.

NEW MESSENGER KITE.

Mr. Eddy's Experiments For Carrying Sig-
nal Lights and Dynamite Afloat.

William A. Eddy, Dr. W. H. Mitch-
ell, H. A. Allen, Commodore Vermilye
and W. W. Hutchins experimented at
Bayonne, N. J., the other night, with
Mr. Eddy's new messenger kite for car-
rying both lights and dynamite up the
kite string, the lights to be used for
signaling and the dynamite to be dropped
from aloft. The kite line was sup-
ported in midair by three tandem kites
without a light. The kites were sent up
at 5 o'clock and were still flying at 7
o'clock.

The messenger kite, which made five
ascensions, is a central tube, which
flares upon at both ends, like the en-
trance to a speaking tube, enabling the
gliding kite to pass over all knots. In
using it usually it would be necessary
to send the kites aloft over the enemy's
encampment or men-of-war at night
without lights. When kites are aloft at
night, it is often impossible to deter-
mine the exact direction of the upper
part of the line, which may drift into
different air currents, but by means of
this messenger kite, with its signal lan-
terns, lights can be sent up the line
with astonishing speed.

Mr. Eddy's plan to use the apparatus
for war purposes on land or sea would
be to first send up a strong line of tan-
dem kites in the darkness, and when a
mile or more of line is out to sail up
the line a messenger signal kite, with
its lantern, and to follow this up with
a dynamite dropping kite as soon as the
stopping piece piece aloft, against
which the signal kite lodges, is in the
calculated position. Heavy weights can
be carried up the line by the wind, this
being only a question of the extent of
the messenger kite surface. The kite
used was seven feet in diameter, but it
carried up several pounds, counting its
own weight, and one lantern.—Boston
Herald.

CARNIVAL OF SPORTS.

Wefers Will Try For the Record In the
300 Yards Dash on Memorial Day.

The special attractions of the New
Jersey Athletic club carnival on Mem-
orial day will be of unusual interest this
year. President James E. Sullivan has
placed the arrangement of the associa-
tion football match in the hands of Jim
Fitzpatrick of the Association Football



R. J. WEFERS.

league and this fact alone is enough to
insure a rare treat for devotees of the
game. Manager Judson Worrell of the
Staten Island Lacrosse club, and Man-
ager Tuttle of the Montclair club
will muster their very best lacrosse
players for a championship game on the
New Jersey oval. To those who are in-
terested in track athletics the appear-
ance of B. J. Wefers in a special scratch
race, is a treat in itself. Wefers has in-
timated to Mr. Sullivan that there are
several world records for distances on
the shorter side of 300 yards that he is
confident he can break, and with this
end in view the Georgetown flier will
be given full scope to exhibit his prowess.

It has not yet been decided which of
the long sprint records Wefers will at-
tain, but the chances are it will be the
300. At present he holds the world's
amateur record of 30.8 seconds for the
distance, but he has long been ambi-
tious to beat the long standing record
of 30 seconds, made by Harry Hutchins,
the famous English professional sprint-
er.—Philadelphia Press.

HAWAII'S GREAT VOLCANO.

Further Details of the Renewed Activity
of Mauna Loa.

Passengers who arrived on the steam-
er Alameda at San Francisco recently
report great excitement in Hawaii over
the threatened eruption of the volcano
of Mauna Loa, which has not been ac-
tive for 14 years. A few weeks ago the
lava in the great crater of Mauna Loa,
from observations taken at the signal
station on the mountain, dropped 1,400
feet, and shortly after smoke was seen
issuing from the mouth of the crater,
sometimes in great volume and then
again in short puffs. The natives were
terribly excited and prophesied when
the Alameda left about a week ago that
in 12 days there would be a great erup-
tion.

For two weeks previous to the sink-
ing of the lava in the crater there had
been constant earthquakes, and it is also
said there had never been so much and
such continuous rain in the islands.
The shocks were not severe, but one
that occurred just before the steamer
left was declared to be the most violent
ever experienced there. There is no fear
that the lava flow will extend to Hilo,
but the natives are anxious, as they
cannot tell at what place on the side of
the mountain the lava will break out.—
New York Sun.

A Cure For the Floods.

Arbor day is the antidote to the flood
disasters in the Ohio and Mississippi
valleys. It will take many decades to
make good the havoc of the woodman's
ax, but persevere, and eventually the
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and the devastations of the flood with-
held.—Kansas City Star.

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